

Ocotillo

Weekly Update

A newsletter for the residents of Glendale's Ocotillo District



Councilmember Norma Alvarez

May 20, 2011

Councilmember Alvarez to Discuss Proposed Budget at June 9 District Meeting

You are invited to learn more about the city of Glendale's proposed budget for the 2011-12 fiscal year at an upcoming community meeting.

The meeting will be held on Thursday, June 9 at the Glendale City Council Chambers, 5850 W. Glendale Ave. Doors will open at 5:30 p.m. for refreshments and the meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m.

Glendale's Assistant City Manager Horatio Skeete and Budget Director Sherry Schurhammer will give a presentation on the proposed budget, which starts in July, and provide residents an opportunity to ask questions.

For more information or if you need special accommodations for the meeting, call the City Council Office at 623-930-2878.

Thursday, June 9

Glendale City Council Chambers
5850 W. Glendale Ave.
5:30 p.m. - refreshments
6:30 p.m. - meeting begins



Memorial Day Holiday Notice. City of Glendale offices will be closed on Monday, May 30 in observance of the Memorial Day holiday.

All households' scheduled garbage and recycling will be shifted one day due to the holiday. The Glendale Municipal Landfill will be closed. For more information about the city's sanitation services, please call 623-930-2660.

In addition, Glendale's three public libraries will be closed, as well as the Glendale Convention and Visitors Bureau.

For information on Parks and Recreation facilities, call 623-930-2820.

Only Gus Bus One will run, operating on a Sunday schedule from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. For Dial-a-Ride service that day, reservations must be made by noon on Friday, May 27 by calling 623-930-3500. No same-day service on Monday will be available. Valley Metro buses will operate on a Sunday schedule.

While the Glendale Municipal Airport will remain open during the holiday, the airport's administrative offices will be closed.

For additional information on the city of Glendale's programs and services, [click here](#).

Glendale Receives Grant to Pilot Children's Golf Programs. Glendale Parks and Recreation was awarded a \$12,000 grant this month by the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) to pilot the new SNAG (Starting New at Golf) G-Ball program. Glendale was one of 15 agencies in the U.S. chosen to pilot the SNAG G-Ball program in 2011.

G-Ball can best be described as golf's version of t-ball, targeted to children ages 5 to 6, and conducted by parent-coaches in recreation centers, on sports fields and in other public open spaces. An activity-based program, G-Ball focuses on progressive and developmental play in a non-competitive format. The SNAG G-Ball grant program was made possible by Player Development Products, LLC.

Glendale will develop the "G-Ball 4 All" program utilizing the grant to introduce golf to youth throughout the city of Glendale with programs that will be offered in a variety of facilities beginning mid-July 2011. The G-Ball 4 All program will teach kids the basic rules of golf, basics of the golf swing and golf course etiquette while having fun playing the game.

For more information on Glendale's Parks, Recreation and Library Services, please visit www.glendaleaz.com.

"Like" the Glendale CVB on Facebook and Get the Chance to Win! The Glendale Convention & Visitors Bureau (CVB) is on a mission for you to like us! Join us on the [Glendale CVB Facebook fan page](#) and click on "LIKE" and you'll automatically be entered to win the first exciting giveaway - a \$100 shopping card for shops and restaurants in historic downtown Glendale.

The Glendale CVB is launching a series of giveaways as a special thank you to fans and likers. Fans are encouraged to share this contest with friends and family by 'liking' the contest posts on the Glendale CVB Facebook page or posting information about the contest themselves to share with their list of friends.

Fans will also be included in future CVB Facebook contests and will have the opportunity to receive information on upcoming events, activities and special promotions and deals. In addition, CVB Facebook fans will find Glendale videos, pictures, special offers, discounts and happenings, many of which are exclusive to only Facebook fans.

For more information, call 623-930-4500 or visit us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/GlendaleCVB.



Around Town

[Click here](#) for the City Council meeting schedule. [Click here](#) for past Council meeting agendas and minutes. [Click here](#) to watch a City Council meeting online.

May Green Living Classes Focus on Energy Use. Join us tomorrow, May 21 for the next set of free classes in the Green Living series presented by the City of Glendale's Conservation and Sustainable Living Program. Classes will be held in the second floor boardroom of the Glendale Main Library, 5959 W. Brown St. The class times and topics are: Simple Savings 101 from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. and Solar: A Brighter Future from 1:30 to 2:00 p.m. Glendale residents and non-residents are welcome to attend. All classes are free, but advance registration is required. To sign up for classes, call 623-930-3760. [Click here](#) for more information.

Glendale Spark Awards. The Glendale Commission on Neighborhoods encourages residents to nominate a neighbor, volunteer, business, nonprofit or faith-based organization that has made a commitment to the Glendale community by helping and improving Glendale neighborhoods.

If you know of someone like this, nominate the person or group for a 2011 Community Spark Award. The deadline to submit nominations is Wednesday, May 25, 2011.

[Click here](#) for nomination forms and more information including the six award categories. For other questions, call 623-930-2868.

Live at the Library. Join us for one of the West Valley's most popular monthly musical series – Live at the Library. The series is held on the fourth Thursday of the month and begins at 6:30 p.m., at the Glendale Main Library, 5959 W. Brown St. On May 26, Poet and hit songwriter Annie Moscow will entertain with her amazing vocal and piano tunes. For more information about the free music programs at the Glendale Main Library, call 623-930-3573.

Business Forum – Designing, Organizing and Growing Your Company. Business networking through the monthly Business Forum at Glendale Library is a productive way of establishing beneficial relationships with potential clients and area business people. June's speaker, Steve Meisenheimer will present, "Designing, Organizing and Growing Your Company." Join us from 5:30–7:15 p.m., Wednesday June 1 in the large meeting room at the Glendale Main Library, 5959 W. Brown Street. For more information about this free program or to RSVP, call 602-725-3246.

Glendale Summer Band. Sponsored by Glendale's Office of Special Events, the free eight-week Summer Band concert series takes place each Thursday at 8 p.m. during June and July, in the Murphy Park Amphitheater, located at 59th Avenue and Glenn Drive. Music lovers of all ages will be entertained by this community band of approximately 100 musicians with its renditions of marches, ballads and show tunes. Join us for the first concert of the season on June 2. [Click here](#) for more information.

Pajama Party and Sidewalk Sale. Come out to Historic Downtown Glendale and Catlin Court on Saturday, June 4 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. for a day of fun in the sun and sales galore! Pull out your favorite fluffy slippers, put on your most comfy pajamas and enjoy a day of shopping and dining all in the comfort of your pj's! Start your day at the Glendale Visitor Center located at 5800 W. Glenn Dr., #140 to pick up a walking map. Gift bags will be given to the first 200 visitors. A canned food drive benefiting St. Mary's Food Bank will also be going on. [Click here](#) for more information.

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